

Foreign ruling in Langer case 'no effect' on father's status

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

Supreme Court Justice Yitzhak Kister ruled yesterday that Chief Rabbi Goren's decision to annul the marriage of Miriam Langer was not binding on the High Court. The ruling, which came in the case of the late Prime Minister's daughter, was a significant victory for the secularist side of the court.

alteram partem — demanded that Mr. Borokovsky should have been given a hearing by Rabbi Goren's court. The court also ordered Rabbi Goren to pay \$11,000 towards Mr. Borokovsky's legal costs.

Rabbi Goren told a radio reporter later that his mamzerim ruling still holds and is still entirely valid.

COURT PROPOSAL

The High Court ruling yesterday followed a session last week when the court suggested to Mr. Michael Cheshin, the Deputy State Attorney who represented the Langer side, that he submit a declaration that the Goren ruling did not affect Mr. Borokovsky.

After deliberating for a week, Mr. Cheshin agreed to this and the court yesterday accepted his declaration, and converted to absolute an order which it issued against the Chief Rabbi some time ago. In his declaration, quoted by the court in its ruling, Mr. Cheshin stated that the Goren decision on the Langer mamzerim related only to their

SADAT BACK FROM LIBYA AFTER 1 DAY

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat returned home unexpectedly from Libya yesterday after a visit of only 24 hours. Earlier, Tripoli radio had said the visit would last several days.

Only scanty information was available on the visit. It was known from the brief radio reports that Sadat conferred with Libyan leader Muammer Gaddafi and his officers in the Revolutionary Command Council shortly after his arrival on Monday. Yesterday he met with Gaddafi again for 45 minutes.

As Sadat left Cairo, however, an article written by Gaddafi and published in the "Al-Ahram" newspaper, the Libyan criticized Arab hesitation in dealing with the problems at hand, recalled that the Arabs paid dearly for their irresolute stand on the eve of the 1967 war.

In Sadat's absence, Egyptian Interior Minister Marmout Salem, who is also deputy military governor, issued a series of military orders aimed at tightening public security measures as part of the stage of "total confrontation" against Israel. The new measures include stiffer punishment for thefts committed during air raids, thefts on public roads or in public transport vehicles.

NIGHT DEBATE IN KNESSET ON BADER-OFFER BILL

By ASHER WALLFISH and HIRSH GOODMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporters

At midnight last night the Knesset was still plunged in one of the most tense and dramatic parliamentary battles the Seventh Knesset has known.

The Bader-Ofir electoral reform bill to redistribute surplus votes to the advantage of the two biggest parties — the Alignment and Gahal — started its second reading at 10.45 p.m. — seven and three quarter hours after the session began.

At press time, the session seemed due to continue till morning, with the small factions determined to filibuster against final approval of the bill, and the Alignment and Gahal equally determined to bulldoze it through.

The day started off with an Independent Liberal bid in the Law Committee at noon to postpone the second reading, pending the evidence to be presented by mathematicians that the bill was undemocratic.

This having failed, the Free Centre submitted a motion of no-confidence. This was defeated by 59 to ten with four abstentions.

While the House was debating the no-confidence motion, Supreme Court



The Knesset voted its confidence in the Government over the Bader-Ofir Bill yesterday. Raising their hands in front row are Transport Minister Shimon Peres and Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, while in second row are, left to right, Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, Moshe Carmel, and Moshe Baran.

'Newsweek' interview

Foreign Ministry sources in Jerusalem said yesterday that President Sadat's interview in "Newsweek" this week reflected a "hardening" of the Egyptian leader's position. They described Mr. Sadat's statement that Egypt would never permit Israeli troops to remain in Sharm el-Sheikh, as an example of the President's hardened position.

Mr. Sadat's remarks about preparing Egypt for war with Israel were designed to show Egyptians that he was strong and capable of action. The remarks were also aimed at informing the U.S. that the Middle East is more dangerous than American officials have recently felt.

Charges dismantled on Golan Heights

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Arab countries

Chancellor Willy Brandt may visit Arab countries in the autumn, a member of the German government said yesterday.

parliamentary secretary for Foreign Affairs, told the Bundestag that he had asked about the visit to Arab countries. He said that he would like to visit Arab countries, but that it would depend on the government's policy.

U.S. Defence Sec'y Renewed U.S. bombing if Hanoi invades

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Elliot Richardson told Congressmen yesterday that if Hanoi launched another massive invasion of South Vietnam the U.S. would have to consider "reintroduction of air support."

But he told the House Defence Appropriations sub-committee that he considers an invasion by Hanoi unlikely and said there is every reason to believe that North Vietnam would want to consider peace.

The Secretary also told the Congressmen that President Nixon's authority for bombing in Cambodia is the same authority that he had to secure the successful cease-fire agreement with North Vietnam. The Cambodia bombing is only "residual" fighting from the Vietnam war, he said.

President Nixon would have to seek Congress approval of any new bombing, Mr. Richardson said, but "in light of North Vietnam's violations of the cease-fire agreement" the Cambodia bombing is only a continuation of the President's Vietnam war authority.

Mr. Richardson said he was confident South Vietnam will be able to provide for its own security in the near future, even if North Vietnam engages in a massive invasion. But he said if violations of the truce

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Supreme Court Justice Kister to postpone the second reading of the Bader-Ofir bill until such time as the Law Committee could hear the fresh information which the mathematicians could provide.

At about 6 p.m., Justice Kister telephoned a message through to the Knesset Speaker and the Law Committee chairman advising them that the court was considering the application.

SUB-JUDICE

Perhaps the most dramatic hours of the day came after the Speaker received Justice Kister's reply that the court was considering the plea.

The Speaker had to resolve the dilemma of whether he should postpone presentation of the bill until the High Court gave its decision, or whether he should seek a loophole in the House Rules which would allow the will of the majority to be carried out.

He decided on the latter course, after being persuaded by the Attorney General and the Justice Minister that Justice Kister's advice did not render the bill sub-judice.

A HARD TIME

In general, the Knesset Speaker did not have an easy time. The small factions, led by Mr. Yeshayahu's decision to consult with non-Knesset bodies and to ignore them, tried to break into his office bodily, only to be repelled by three Knesset guards acting under orders from the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Undaunted, the Members rallied for a second attack — this time on the House Committee, which had voted not to allow them to have their say. The guards managed to reach the room and form a physical barrier across the doorway minutes before the Members arrived.

Meanwhile the 45-minute recess stretched to three hours as the House Committee searched for a face-saving way of circumventing the House Rules. The Rules state specifically that only a committee chairman, or a person delegated by him, may pilot the bill in the plenum.

A loophole was sought in paragraphs 121 and 122 which allow the House Committee to rule on any topic it sees fit. The case in point, the Alignment-controlled body thought, was exactly such a case. Mr. Zadok was chosen to pilot the bill.

Spidou cut in of office

President Georges Pompidou's political reforms, which would lead to a seven-year presidential term, took effect from election for president.

Officially named Pierre Pompidou, the President-elect, has been designated. Mr. Pompidou began consulting with a government to

Terrorists arrested in Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Lebanese authorities have arrested a number of Palestinian terrorists in Southern Lebanon for violating regulations restricting their movement, a Beirut newspaper said yesterday.

The paper, "Al-Sharq," said the arrests were made last week following a two-day siege of a terrorist camp by Lebanese troops. It said that about 50 terrorists were instructed by their command to surrender after they were encircled.

There was no confirmation of the report by the Lebanese authorities. But authorities did note that they had arrested three terrorists near Beirut.

Meanwhile, Beirut's pro-terrorist "Al-Hurriya" newspaper reported that Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon have recently strengthened their defenses, and militiamen from various terrorist organizations have been reorganized under a joint command. The paper said that the reorganization began February 25, four days after Israeli troops raided terrorist strongholds in the Badaw and Nahr el-Bared refugee camps in Northern Lebanon.



Anti-Soviet demonstrators carrying placards on Soviet Premier Kosygin's arrival in Stockholm earlier this week. Signs say, "Kosygin Listen: Peace through Freedom," and "Away with Walls between East and West."

THREE EX-CAMP INMATES ON HUNGER STRIKE Stockholm demonstrators ask freeing of Soviet Jews

STOCKHOLM (UPI). — Almost 1,000 people last night gathered outside the Parliament Building in a chilly Stockholm to demand the release of imprisoned Soviet Jews and the right for all Soviet Jews to emigrate freely to Israel.

About 400 demonstrators gathered in a downtown park and marched during the evening to a square outside the Parliament.

By the time they reached the square, the number of demonstrators had increased to between 800 and 1,000 persons, organizers said. The demonstrators, who arranged their march on the second day of

No-confidence defeated

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday voted confidence in the Government over the Bader-Ofir electoral reform amendment on the redistribution of surplus votes in Knesset elections. The vote was 59 to 10, with four abstentions.

No-confidence was moved by the Free Centre. This motion preceded the all-night debate on the Bill itself.

The Labour-Mapam Alignment, the National Religious Party and the Independent Liberals backed the Government. The Free Centre, the

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Golan	50	8-16	2-14
Nahariya	70	15-21	13-19
Safed	47	11-18	8-14
Haifa	67	17-22	15-20
Tiberias	43	12-26	10-24
Nazareth	62	13-21	10-17
Afula	47	12-23	11-21
Shomron	61	12-20	9-16
Tel Aviv	71	17-20	12-18
Lod	58	12-23	12-20
Jericho	37	15-28	14-24
Caes	57	16-21	18-20
BeerSheva	48	14-23	11-21
Eilat	19	18-32	17-28
Tiran	20	20-29	19-25



The fathers of the controversial amendment on surplus votes are seen in close conversation in the Knesset Chamber yesterday—Yohanan Bader, right, and Avraham Ofer. (K. Weiss)

Israeli XI well-guarded for London soccer match

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. Unobtrusive but stringent security measures have been enforced since last Thursday by Scotland Yard's Special Branch and Israel's security personnel around the visit of the Israeli national football team here.

Israel will play West Ham, the London First Division club, tonight in a testimonial game for a West Ham player whose injury has put him out of football. West Ham will be fielding its strongest team, including England Captain Bobby Moore and recent high-priced acquisitions Terry McDougall and Brian Robson.

West Ham manager, Ron Greenwood, said yesterday he was not worried about the security aspect of an Israeli team visiting London, "and we will not be put off by anything from visiting Israel next month."

The Jewish managers of a well-known London casino were more concerned, however. They called off their dogs to delay the Israeli team because the Casino's clientele includes a number of Arab potentates.

Menahem Ariav, head of the Israeli contingent, said the players had forgotten their dismal showing in Rumania last week, where they lost 3-1 to the Rumanian League side. Player morale was high and the purpose of the trip to England was to get the team to adapt to playing under different conditions abroad.

The tour to Rumania and England is part of the team's preparation for the World Cup tournament in Spain in May.

West Ham manager Greenwood was surprised to hear that the Israeli team was not going to watch last night's London football match between Chelsea and Tottenham. Instead, Ariav said the team was going to see "Last Tango in Paris."

Are't there any cinemas in Tel Aviv? a bystander asked.

Second parcel bomb blast in London

LONDON. — A parcel bomb exploded yesterday at a West London mail sorting office only seconds after a man had tossed it into a delivery basket. Nobody was hurt but a small fire was started at the sorting office in Paddington.

The parcel bomb was the second to explode in a London mail sorting office within three days.

Afterwards, a newspaper in Belfast, Northern Ireland, received a telephone call from a man who said he was representing a group called "The Avengers," which he said had posted parcel bombs in Paddington and Kilburn in London. (AP, UPI)



A daughter of Yosef Romano, one of the 11 Israeli athletes murdered at the Munich Olympics, plants a cypress tree in his memory at the Jerusalem Peace Forest yesterday, while her younger sister looks on. (I.P.A.)

FOREST IN MEMORY OF MUNICH VICTIMS

Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon said yesterday Israel had attended every sporting event to which it was invited since the Munich Olympics massacre, despite concern by some organizing authorities over the risk and the security burden involved.

Mr. Allon, in his capacity as Education Minister, was speaking at a tree-planting ceremony in the Jerusalem "Peace Forest" for the 11 Israeli sportsmen murdered in Munich seven months ago.

He added that "there is no way but to strike at the terrorist organizations with all our strength and resourcefulness, wherever they are, and regardless of where and under whose auspices they operate."

Mr. Allon told the Knesset on Monday that the Munich victims' families had been paid IL3,556,452 by mid-November 1972. In the next few days, he added, another IL349,480 would be distributed, while IL1.2m would be shared among orphan minors.

Together with other small sums, he said, the families would receive a total of nearly IL5m, of which the German Red Cross had collected and transferred IL4.2m, and other donors, IL740,000. Mr. Allon was replying to a question by Mr. Eliezer Shostak (Free Centre).

THE SWISS EMBASSY

deeply mourns the death of

Dr. GEORG JOEL

Legal adviser to the Embassy for more than 20 years, and extends condolences to the bereaved family.



Grandstands being set up along Nabulus Road in Jerusalem for invited guests to the Independence Day military parade next month.

Killing of Nazareth Arab

Two Georgians found guilty of manslaughter

By YOEL DAE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — The District Court here yesterday convicted two Georgian immigrants from Upper Nazareth of the manslaughter of Subhi En-Nasir, 46, an Arab resident of Nazareth, and of assaulting Regina Polyakovskaya, 48, also a Georgian immigrant.

Another Georgian was convicted of abetting the manslaughter and the assault, and two more were convicted only of assaulting the woman.

Three men were acquitted. District Court President Yosef Bahloul and Judges Ya'acov Siegalman and Theodore Orr will pronounce sentence Sunday.

The two victims were sitting in a car near the woman's home in Upper Nazareth on the evening of February 16 when the assault occurred. Police arrived to find En-Nasir bleeding badly. He died on the way to hospital. The woman, who was also beaten, was taken to hospital too.

Originally, all eight accused had been charged with premeditated murder. Before sentencing yesterday, the senior assistant district attorney, Ya'acov Reiss, and defence counsel Mordechai Cohen agreed to amend the charges to manslaughter, in return for a plea of guilty.

Pinhas Kuzishvili, 29, and Solomon Tadishvili, 35, pleaded guilty to manslaughter of the man and assault on the woman; Reuven Zavyashvili, 40, to abetting them in the manslaughter; Gavriel Tashvili, 27, and Zibo Shashashvili, 38, to having attacked the woman and abetting off her help.

The court session, attracted by a large crowd, including Alexander Polyakovskiy, husband of the woman, lasted for hours.

assaulted. A strong police force, headed by Sgan-Nitzav Shabtai Rosenberg, commander of the sub-district, was also present.

Judge Bahloul warned the public that he would order the removal of any person disturbing the proceedings. Tension subsided when the assistant attorney asked for the charges against five of the accused to be amended and to dropped altogether against the three others. Translation again proved a problem (none of the accused speaks Hebrew) until an immigrant engineer from Georgia, Reuven Chana'an, volunteered to act as interpreter.

In the new charge sheet, Regina Polyakovskaya was reported to have returned from Haifa to her home on the afternoon of Friday, February 16, after seeing her husband to the boat on which he serves as a sailor. Passing through Nazareth, she met Subhi En-Nasir, who was teaching her to drive, and asked him to drive her home as the last bus had left. At her house, he agreed to her request to continue the driving lessons. She took the wheel and drove about the area.

A neighbour of the woman, Kuzishvili, driving a pick-up truck, with the other four men inside, saw them. When she parked the car he stopped and asked her what she was doing with a stranger while her husband was away.

NO CONCERN

Mrs. Polyakovskaya told him that that was of no concern of his. Kuzishvili grew angry and, with three others attacked her, cutting off her hair with a pair of scissors he had in his truck. Then he and the other three men, including Kuzishvili, "with great violence" standing by "fell upon the Arab and beat him until he collapsed unconscious. They picked him up, threw him into his car and drove off. En-Nasir was found soon afterwards and taken to hospital, where he died of his wounds.

The defence counsel said the men had not intended to harm the man. The incident had started off with a dispute between the woman and the men, but the Arab had then slapped the face of one of them and had put his hand in his pocket as if to pull out a weapon.

The defence asked the court, in passing sentence, to consider the accused's clean past "and their work on behalf of immigrants." The assistant district attorney asked for a sentence commensurate with the gravity of the crime.

4 men remanded in B'sheba stabbing

BEERSHEBA. — Four men were remanded in custody for 15 days yesterday on suspicion of knifing a local steakhouse owner, Shimon Maloul, 42, on Sunday night.

The four, aged between 28 and 43, are Avraham Kalkashvili, Raphael Esmanshvil, Shlomo Manshachin and Yosef Terashvili. Police told a Beersheba Magistrate the stabbing took place after the suspects made lewd propositions to Mr. Maloul's wife.

Mr. Maloul was hospitalized with four knife wounds in his chest, but is reported to be out of danger.

Five from I to study Libyan pla

Jerusalem Post Staff

LOD AIRPORT. — A five-member delegation from the ICAO Civil Aviation Organization arrived here yesterday for their investigation into the crash of a Libyan jet liner in the Sinai.

The delegation has already completed the first stage of investigation in Egypt and the head of the ICAO team, Russian, said "We were invited by Libya to cooperate with any body which can investigate the accident." He said the team to stay about a week.

The investigation team gathered at a recent IC conference which also passed a condemnation of Israel to ICAO.

Israel civil aviation said yesterday, the delegation "our full cooperation." expected to begin their investigation today by listening to taken from the "black box" recorder that was salvaged from the Boeing 727.

Mr. Watts also said that would meet the copilot, Yumil el-Mendi, at the hospital in Jerusalem covering from burns damage.

Leo Bernst buried in N



Mr. Bernstein who has Israel Bonds Conference in many years, he settled in the 1950s, working as an educator in the Histva various agricultural school. The funeral will leave cipro funeral parlour Dafna here today at 3 p.m. Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

Yisrael Heller

TEL AVIV. — Yisrael Heller here yesterday after a long illness.

Born in Russia, Heller came to this country in 1922. A Kibbutz Mishmar Hasha many years, he settled in the 1950s, working as an educator in the Histva various agricultural school. The funeral will leave cipro funeral parlour Dafna here today at 3 p.m. Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

THE ISRAELI AFFILIATION of Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. has proposed to the G.I. Bill a commemorative stamp to be issued in 1976 the 20th anniversary of independence.

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Kuwait denies Iraqi pull-out from north

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Kuwait last night rejected Beirut reports that Iraqi troops had withdrawn from the northern border area of Kuwait which they occupied a fortnight ago. The Kuwaiti Minister of the Interior and Defence, Sheikh Sa'ad al-Abdullah, said the Iraqis had not moved an inch from the area which they took over in a surprise invasion on March 20.

The withdrawal claim was made by two Beirut newspapers, "An-Nahar" and "Al-Anwar," which both said that it took place on Monday.

"Al-Anwar" quoted Iraq's Ambassador in Kuwait, Mohammed al-Hadithi, as saying that the "Iraqi forces have now returned to the positions they held before" the invasion of Kuwait's border. The Ambassador said he based his statement on information he had received from Baghdad.

Despite the conflicting statements,

the two countries are reported to be preparing for negotiations to start on Sunday. Earlier reports said that Iraq's Foreign Minister, Murda Abdul-Baqi al-Hadithi, was scheduled to arrive in Kuwait over the weekend for the talks. Beirut press reports said yesterday that Kuwait's agreement to negotiate resulted from the mediation efforts of Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed Hassan Zayyat and Fatah chief Yasser Arafat.

Meanwhile, the indications were that Iraq still maintains its presence in the Kuwaiti border area overlooking the Persian Gulf. The Iraqis are currently seeking to introduce adjustments in their southern border with Kuwait, while the Kuwaitis for their part reject any border changes. Kuwait has warned other Arab countries, especially Egypt and Syria, that it would not contribute to the war efforts against Israel as long as the Iraqis remained in its territory.

FATAH MAN Was headed for anti-Israel mission when caught in U.K.

LONDON (Reuters). — A 24-year-old Palestinian was on his way to an anti-Israel mission in Stockholm when — because of a passport mixup — he was arrested at London airport, a court was told yesterday.

Appearing before the Old Bailey criminal court was Mohammed Ahmed Fuhaid. He admitted illegal possession of a pistol and ammunition. But he denied knowing that 85 grams of plastic high explosive were hidden in the false bottom of his suitcase.

Fuhaid was charged with possessing the explosives and some detonators in circumstances that gave rise to suspicion they were for an unlawful purpose. Prosecutor Brian Leary said Fuhaid expressed surprise at seeing the explosives in the suitcase bottom.

Mr. Leary said the substances found there needed only a simple battery to make them into powerful time bombs.

Mr. Leary said Fuhaid told detectives who arrested him at Heathrow airport on Christmas Eve that he was a commando lieutenant with the Fatah and that his mission was part of an operation against Israelis in Stockholm.

Fuhaid insisted nothing was supposed to happen in England. He said he did not know what the target in Stockholm would be, the court was told.

Mr. Leary said Fuhaid planned to be away in Madrid by the time the Stockholm operation was carried out. The court was told that Fuhaid received the pistol and explosives in Beirut from a Fatah member. His instructions were to meet other Fatah agents in Stockholm and give them the material.

Fuhaid was originally provided with a Bahraini passport. But it was discovered that this would require a visa for entry to Sweden. So Fuhaid was given a Guatemalan passport as well, Mr. Leary added.

The prosecutor said Fuhaid's instructions after that were to fly to London on the Bahraini passport and to use the Guatemalan one for entry to Sweden. But as it happened he used the Guatemalan passport at Heathrow. An immigration man recognized it as a forgery and Fuhaid was arrested.

The court was told that Fuhaid made this statement:

"I was born in Palestine. My father and mother were born in occupied territory and were the Jewish enemy. We left Palestine in 1947. I enrolled with the Palestinians against the Israelis and nothing else. Since 1968 I have trained in guerrilla work. I was accredited to a military college in Algeria as a lieutenant. My work was training in small arms and general command work."

The case is expected to continue until tomorrow or Friday.



Building construction team at work in Hanoi, speeding up post-war reconstruction, according to caption of this photo issued by the Vietnam News Agency in the North Vietnamese capital.

It was claimed that the North Vietnamese building service since early in 1973 trained three times as many qualified workers as in the whole of 1972. (AP radiophoto)

MACARONI AND CHEESE IS NEW PROTEST SYMBOL Week-long U.S. meat boycott pushes sales down 25-50%

NEW YORK (Reuters). — America's housewives have won round one of their nation-wide meat boycott and are giving the long-dormant vegetarian movement its biggest boost in years.

As the first full shopping day of the week-long protest against skyrocketing meat prices ended, meat sales were down by between 25 and 50 per cent across the country and the meat industry feared for its livelihood.

"If this continues, our sales will be down by 50 to 60 per cent by the end of the week," one meat industry source here lamented.

From Maine to California, housewives spurned meat purchases in favour of fish, cheese and vegetables and gave America a new symbol of protest: a plate of macaroni and cheese.

Boycott breakers who made beef purchases received frosty reactions. One lady in a New York supermarket, however, defended her purchase of some pork chops by saying: "I was buying them for next week."

Customers crowding fish counters came in for rude shock — fish prices were up, due in part to bad weather and the meat boycott.

The boycott seemed to split the normally monolithic Nixon Administration. The President, who last week claimed a ceiling on meat prices but has been attacked for taking this action too late, feasted on prime rib of steak at a dinner he gave for South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu at the Western White House in San Clemente, Calif.

But his Treasury Secretary, Mr. George Shultz, said he and his family were taking part in the boycott.

The Chicago-based commodities market reported nervous trading in livestock. But at end of trading only pork prices were down.

Employment was not affected in Chicago, but in San Francisco, many meat wholesalers either laid off workers or sent them on a week's holiday.

Steak-house owners reported business had dropped during the day and the owners of the small number of vegetarian restaurants reported a boost in business. "If this continues, we are going to win thousands of converts," one vegetarian restaurant owner said. One zoo keeper in Los Angeles

denied his lions and cheetahs their daily pound of flesh. The keeper fed his charges 157.5 kg. of fish, instead of meat. "They loved it. They ate it all up," he said.

Steak prices have jumped more than 80 per cent in less than a year. Shoppers have been complaining bitterly that there are few cuts of meat costing less than a dollar (11.42¢) a pound (454 gm.) these days. Chuck steak, one of the cheaper cuts of beef, climbed from 65 cents a pound to 95 cents in less than two months.

Even chicken has almost doubled in price in the space of a few weeks. In February, many supermarket chains were offering it at 29 cents a pound. But the price is now over 45 cents.

Nixon Adm. used FBI as political 'peeping Tom,' memo charges

WASHINGTON (AP). — Rep. Les Aspin says a 1971 FBI memorandum to Oregon agents shows the Nixon Administration has been "using the FBI as a political peeping Tom and gossip columnist since it took office."

The memorandum, from the Portland, Oregon, FBI field office dated January 21, 1972, was released by Mr. Aspin, a Wisconsin Democrat, on Monday.

Six categories of information were to be forwarded to the Administration, the memorandum said, including "items with an unusual twist or concerning prominent personalities which may be of special interest to the President or the Attorney-General."

The FBI issued no formal answer, but a spokesman said, "We wouldn't report to the President or the Attorney-General matters of a strictly political nature."

The memorandum says collection of data for an "FBI intelligence letter for the President" was initiated by the Bureau in 1968 and was code-named "Intel."

Agents were instructed to forward data of sufficient importance "to secure the President's interest and to provide him with meaningful intelligence for his guidance." The intelligence, the memo said, was to be forwarded for the President and the then Attorney-General, John Mitchell.

Mr. Aspin says he is confident President Nixon would not have ordered such use of the FBI but said he also was certain the agency would not have started the program on its own.

"Therefore," Mr. Aspin said, "I have asked the President to find out who, on his staff, is responsible for this 'peeping Tom' operation of the proper role of the FBI."

The other categories of information listed by the memo are:

Those with national or international security significance; developments in major security cases; intelligence trends; information that could affect U.S. relations with foreign countries; inside information on demonstrations and disorders.

The memo did not specify what it meant by unusual twists or what kind of information was being asked on prominent personalities.

Pakistani newspaper claims coup foiled

RAWALPINDI (AP). — The English language "Pakistan Times" claimed yesterday that a plot, by a group of military officers, to overthrow the government had been foiled.

The daily newspaper said, "Officers and collaborators who planned to strike during the second week in April were arrested early last Friday."

There was no official confirmation of the plot or of the arrests.

Podgorny Finland mark 25 y of friends

HELSINKI (UPI). — So dent Nikolai Podgorny Helsinki yesterday for official visit marking the anniversary of the Soviet friendship treaty.

The 70-year-old Kren was greeted at the airport by President Urho Kekkonen, Prime Minister Kalevi Sorsa. The special Aeroflot plane Podgorny landed on at 2:00 p.m. after being from the border by FI Force jet fighters.

An hour before Podgorny a Finnish Government delegation headed by Foreign Minister Antti Karjalainen left by train to attend the celebrations there.

Podgorny and Kekkonen from the airport in a of black limousines to town presidential palace were scheduled to star discussions.

In the afternoon Podgorny also to lay a wreath grave of former Finnish Juhon Paasikivi, the prime of the friendship treaty.

Greek on t for murder U.K. news

ATHENS (Reuters). — old former prison guard pleaded not guilty to t Chapman, London, you was freelancing for t Broadcasting Corporation.

Nicholas Joudis, married father of two children, at the start of his trial strangling Miss Chapman an unsuccessful attempt. The charge carries a possible life sentence.

Miss Chapman had come on a free promotional tour to the Olympic Games. Her body was found, t and foot with wire, in a plot near her hotel at 1 km. south of Athens.

Joudis was arrested months of police investigation at one point admitted the crime. He later re confession, claiming he forced to confess.

He told the judge ye an innocent. I have not with the crime."

Court clears who gave nar police nam

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) California Supreme Court reversed the convictions, t newspaper a stolen narcotics agent.

"Los Angeles Free Press" editor Arthur Hays Sulzberger, Jr., had been convicted of receiving stolen property. They had Bureau of Narcotics t Personnel roster in the past 8, 1969, issue.

The court's unanimous day held there was insufficient evidence to prove that either man knew t stolen when Jerry Rasm clerk at the State Attorney's Los Angeles office them a copy.

U.S. faces grilling OAS meet

WASHINGTON (Reuters) U.S. faces a grilling at general assembly of the Organization of American States here today, over alleged by U.S. big business as in Chilean affairs.

Diplomatic sources tivities of the Internal phone and Telegraph (ITT) and the Central Agency in trying to block resection of Chilean P Salvador Allende, spc recent Senate investigation will be the subject of tacks on the U.S. at the meeting.

But they say the IT only an example of m Latin American compl U.S. policy in the West which have t creasingly in recent t are likely to be aired meeting.

These include the O against Cuba, the U.S. relinquish the Panama C century and various com U.S. aid, trade and policies.

Egypt lets 2 inc student riots go

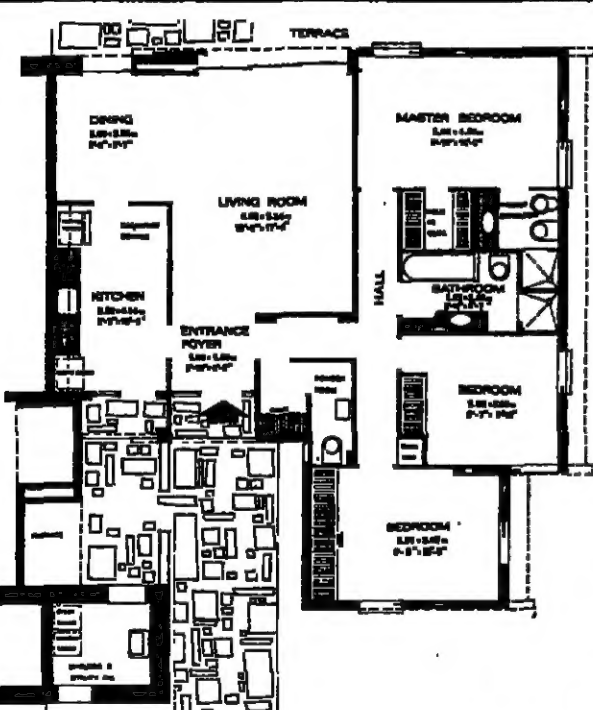
CAIRO (UPI). — A F nationalist and a Belgian t jailed in connection with student riots on January been freed and flown newspaper "Al Akhbar" day. It said they were orders of President Sadat. The Frenchman was t Vuauux and the Bel Pierre Herrant. In early 1972, the year Court sentenced Vuauux, hard labour and Herrant for distributing t leaders during the so Herrant and Vuauux were arrested after his son was released to arrest, without trial.

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MOSCOW TURNS TO PENSIONERS TO FILL JOBS

By CHRISTOPHER OGDEN

MOSCOW (UPI) — THE Moscow Radio announcement began just as thousands of the capital's workers gulped their black-bread tea and hurried toward their bus or streetcar.

"Tovarishi Pensioneri. Tovarishi Pensioneri (comrade pensioners)," the announcer said.

Then she began reading a list of light jobs such as museum and wardrobe attendants, doormen, hairdressers, housing office clerks and jobs in industry that old people could handle.

Similar offers of jobs for pensioners are tacked on notice boards around Moscow, and the oldsters are taking them up.

"This cafe is run by veterans," a sign reads over the counter in one milk bar. Twenty-two of the 24 workers are pensioners who have come out of retirement.

The Soviets are proud of what they consider a generous retirement programme. The retirement age is 60 for men — even lower in such backbreaking jobs as mining — and 55 for women, who make up half the labour force.

Forty-two million men and women, nearly 17 per cent of the population, have retired on pensions averaging 88 rubles (IL483) a month.

TRAGEDY

"The tragedy of elderly workers in the entire capitalist world does not exist in this country, thank God," Donna Komarova, a Social Security official, said.

Recent figures show, however, that while the trend in some countries like the United States is toward the four-day week and early retirement, about 20 per cent of Soviet pensioners are back working, at least part time. This is more than double the percentage 10 years ago.

There are two reasons: the government needs the workers and the pensioners want to work.

To make it more attractive for them to leave their chess tables and park benches, the government allows them to draw their full pensions and work — as long as their total monthly income does not exceed 800 rubles (IL4,688), the start of a higher income bracket.

Why?

"Our country must have more labour," a man bundled up in a heavy

cloth overcoat and fur shapka (hat) said, looking up from his backgammon game in central Moscow's Gorky Palace. A retired schoolteacher, he has gone back to the classroom. He receives a monthly pension of 110 rubles (IL600.80), but also teaches four hours a day, bringing his total income up to almost the 300 ruble limit.

The man sitting opposite him was 70 and retired as an economist. He supplements his 70 rubles (IL403.9) pension by making handbags at home. They bring in an extra 150 rubles (IL843.0).

"As long as you're fit enough to work, why not work," he said. The school teacher nodded agreement. "We have enough money from our pensions and savings, but extra money always comes in handy."

One of the reasons the government is turning to the elderly is that the nation is acquiring an older population. The average life expectancy for both men and women is up to 70 and an estimated 36 million of the total population of 248 million are over the age of 60.

BIRTH RATE

A birth rate that has been declining steadily since the final days of the Czar compounds the problem. Twenty-five million babies were born between 1955 and 1960, but from 1965 to 1970 the figure had shrunk to 20 million.

There is no unemployment, a point the Soviets love to mention when commenting on the labour problems of capitalist countries. Thus the elderly have become the one readily available labour pool, releasing younger workers for more pressing jobs.

Well aware of its new financial stake in the pensioners, the government has been re-examining the long-established social clinics for the elderly with a view toward insuring the continuing good health of their patients.

The weekly newspaper "Literary Gazette" said part of the concern was based on studies that showed the health of 55 per cent of Soviet men and women worsened after they went on pension. "Non-working pensioners suffer from more bad moods, apathy and dissatisfaction with life than those who continue working," it said.



Mayor Teddy Kollek presents a prize for school beautification to Dror, a first-grader at the Remez school (see story at right). (K. Weiss)

New immigrants get jobs with Shekem

By CATHERINE ROSENHEIMER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — TWENTY recent immigrants from the U.S.S.R., Spain, Rumania, France, the U.S. and Canada will shortly be starting their new jobs as departmental managers in Shekem branches throughout the country. They have just completed a six-month course run by Shekem and the Ministry of Labour and Absorption.

Hanan Geyor, Shekem general manager, says over 300 new immigrants have been employed by Shekem during the past year, making up some 10 per cent of its total work force. "But this course was the first organized attempt to train and absorb such a large group of immigrants," he says.

"You might call the course a sort of psychological laboratory," says Dr. Joseph Bau, head of Shekem's training and development department. "The hardest part was at the beginning, working with a group of the majority of whom had grown up in a Communist country. Many came to us with personal and family problems and with tremendous fears concerning future job security."

Ministry of Absorption social services director Baruch Ovadia told The Jerusalem Post: "We have already participated in the sponsorship of a wide variety of courses for new immigrants, mainly in the teaching and

social work fields, but following the experience of the recent Shekem course we now feel that it is best to hold such courses in conjunction with commercial organizations which will guarantee jobs for the participants."

The eldest participant in the course was 56-year-old Joseph Likornik, who was born in Poland, and spent most of his life in New York, where he ran a suburban drugstore together with his wife. "I was concerned about finding work at my time of life. Commerce here is very different from that in the States not to speak of the adjustment of being an employee, after being my own boss all my life. I have fewer headaches, but less freedom too."

GOOD SERVICE

Mr. Likornik now works as furniture department manager in the Shekem store on Rehov Ibn Gvirol in Tel Aviv. "I do my best to give good service. I think the trouble with service in Israeli shops lies as much with the customers, as with the sales staff. You would be surprised how many times customers thank me for my help, then comment 'you're not Israeli, are you?'"

Ada Mahovevskala, who comes from Lod in the U.S.S.R., had been here for almost two years before she joined the training course. "After attending the Ramat Joseph Upan, I started work as a waitress in a wedding hall, then packed that in and became a secretary. That didn't work out either, so I took a course in social work. But I couldn't get used to the idea of so many young couples living off welfare support in this country."

NEW LIFE

"In desperation, I went to the Ministry of Labour yet again, and they directed me to the course. Suddenly I felt I was finding my way, making a new life for myself. Now I have my own flat in Rehovot le Zion, a job in the Rehovot store earning me IL900 a month and plenty of friends. My new job is in the fashion department — I like the people and I'm very satisfied. My daughter has been at school in Tiberias — now she wants to go to Wingate to study physical education. I can afford to pay for her studies now."

The sparkle and enthusiasm in Ada Mahovevskala's eyes alone is testimony to the success of the course. Her satisfaction is reciprocated by Shekem's management who consider her a top-calibre saleswoman and have high hopes for her future. They are equally happy with the professional performance of almost all other members of the course and, with a new store opening in Jerusalem at the end of next year, which will require 130 sales personnel, intend to tap the immigrant labour force in further depth. They will shortly be announcing details of another training course to be held in the Jerusalem area.

Schools win prizes in 'beauty' contest

Special to The Jerusalem Post

Ten Jerusalem schools which won prizes in a school beautification contest were awarded a total of IL9,900 by Mayor Teddy Kollek on Monday. The money for the prizes (three of IL1,200 and seven of IL800) was provided by New York dress-designer Mollie Parnis.

The first three winners — Nahshon: Dugma Lebanon, and Beit Yankov-Bell Yisrael — will also receive a new garden corner, to be planted on the school grounds by the Municipal Gardens Department.

The contest was jointly sponsored by the Jerusalem Foundation and the Education and Gardens Departments of the Municipality. The idea was suggested by Miss Parnis, who has previously sponsored similar "Dress Up Your School & Neighbourhood" campaigns in New York.

More than 50 Jerusalem schools participated. They were judged both on the basis of beautification activities initiated by the students themselves and on the basis of educational activities towards cleanliness and good citizenship conducted in the schools.

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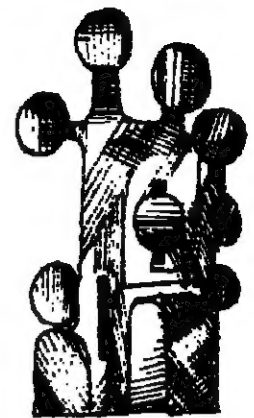
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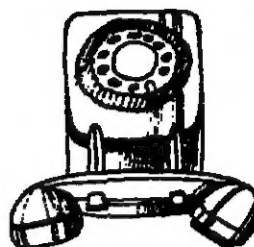
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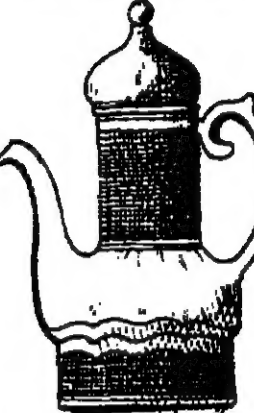
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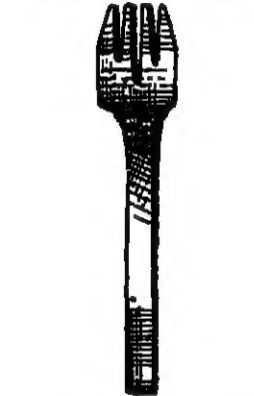
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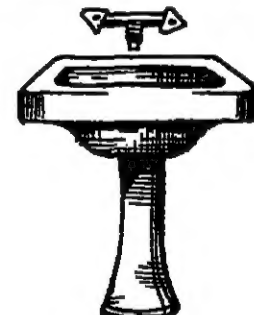
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FISH TREATS

By Molly Lyons Bar-Devid

NOT enough use is made of fish these days. There are many kinds to be had on the market. Still cheap are frozen cod and haddock, and carp, which, so far, is keeping its controlled price.

On the higher price level there is St. Peter's Fish, Grey Mullet, Red Snapper or Grouper, to mention a few. The recipes here will make good hearty meals — and one that is easier on the budget than meat dishes.

Fish Chowder Bowl

1 kilo of any fish fillets you prefer, 1 large chopped onion, 1 grated celery root or 4 chopped celery stalks, 1/4 cup butter, 3 cups water, 4 cups milk, 8 large diced potatoes, 1 tsp. flour, 1 tsp. Chili Sauce, 1/2 tsp. salt and a whiff of pepper or paprika. Chopped parsley and grated yellow cheese.

Put the fish fillets in a big pot and cover with 2 cups of water. Bring to a boil and cook over a low flame for about 15 minutes. Break up the fish and put the fish stock aside. Fry the chopped onion in the butter and add the potatoes and celery and cover with the other cup of water (or if you wish use the fish stock). Cook until the potatoes and celery root are tender. Mix the flour with half of the milk and then add the remaining milk. Add to the vegetables, the fish and fish stock. Heat to boiling point and season with salt and pepper. Top with chopped parsley and grated yellow cheese.

Fish with Capers

2 kilos of fish, salt to taste, 3 tbsps. hot water, 2 tbsps. melted butter, dash of pepper and dash of fish spice, 1 medium sliced onion. Capers

2 tbsps. capers, 1 small chopped pickled cucumber, 1 tsp. chopped parsley, 1 tsp. butter, 2 cups bread crumbs, 1/2 cup hot water, 1 grated small onion, salt and pepper to taste.

Rub the fish inside and out with salt and pepper. Stuff the fish with the caper stuffing which has been

mixed first in a big bowl. Seal the fish either with skewers toothpicks. Brush with melted butter and place in a casserole with hot water and finely sliced onions. Bake for about one hour in a moderate oven.

Fish in Golden Curry

1 kilo of any fish, salt to taste, 1/2 cup pine nuts (or shelled fried almonds), 1 cup water, juice of 1 large lemon, 1 tsp. chopped parsley, 1 tsp. curry powder, dash of cayenne, dash of black pepper.

Wash the fish, sprinkle with salt, and let stand for half an hour. Lightly brown the pine nuts (or the shelled almonds) in oil. Wash the fish, dry, and put into a pan with hot oil, and brown quickly on both sides. Mix all the remaining ingredients and pour over the fish. Bake in a 350°F oven until fish is tender and the sauce pretty well soaked up (about 30 minutes).

Sweet Fish

1 1/2 kilos carp or other fresh fish, 2 cups chopped onions, 2 tbsps. salt, 1/2 cup of coarsely and you can toast it a whiff of ginger, 1/2 cup white wine, 1/2 cup brown sugar, 4 tbsps. raisins, juice of 1 lemon.

Stimber the fish on a bed of onions in water to cover, with the salt, for 30 minutes. When the fish flakes easily with a fork, remove to a hot plate. Reserve the stock. Add the remaining ingredients to one cup of stock and cook until thick and smooth. Pour this sauce over the fish. It can be served hot or cold.

Florida Fish

1 kilo of any fish you prefer, 1 tsp. chopped parsley, whiff of fish spice, 1 medium carrot grated, 1 stalk of celery minced, 1 cup sliced mushrooms, 1 cup white wine, 50 grams butter, salt and pepper and 1 sliced lemon.

Slice the fish and sprinkle with fish spice, salt and pepper. Use half the melted butter in a casserole. Put the thick fish slices in the casserole. Cover with parsley, carrots, celery. Fry the mushrooms in the remaining butter and put it on top. Pour over the wine and bake in a 350°F oven for about half an hour or until the fish is ready. Garnish it with lemon slices.

Fish Stew

1 kilo of carp or any other fish. Sliced potatoes, green beans, peas, squash, tomatoes, eggplant, onions, salt and pepper to taste, 1 cup or 1 1/2 cups white wine, 1/2 cup cooking oil.

The amount and variety of vegetables is a matter of personal choice. Slice or dice all the vegetables as uniformly as possible and make a bed of them in a long casserole. Salt and pepper the fish, then spread it with oil inside and out. Lay it on the bed of vegetables. Pour the wine and oil over and bake in a moderate oven until the fish is done (about half an hour to three-quarters of an hour). The liquid (add water if you wish) should cover the vegetables and be basted over the fish during cooking.

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New hope for Tel Aviv

THE green light given by the Cabinet this week for the preliminary planning of a Greater Tel Aviv subway system is a welcome decision — and a victory for Transport Minister Shimon Peres, who has been fighting this cause since he took over at the Ministry in 1970.

The 15.5m. which the Ministry is to be allowed to spend in the coming year on planning the subway is a very modest beginning. But the importance of the decision is not to be measured at this stage. In money terms, it was a decision to give Tel Aviv from founding into a traffic-choked, fume-poisoned bedlam is a priority which cannot any longer be disregarded. Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir had reservations: he felt that other needs were more pressing. But he too was won over by Mr. Peres' arguments, and with his support the subway scheme now has hope of being realized. It should not have been a difficult task to persuade the Cabinet of the desperate necessity to alleviate the pressure on Tel Aviv's streets. Anyone walking or driving through those streets in the rush hours even today can see the necessity, hear the deafening necessity, and smell the acrid necessity. There are already times of day when it is almost impossible to get into the main traffic arteries from side streets. The prognosis for five or ten years ahead depicts an almost solid, snarling, nerve-racking traffic jam in the town's centre.

The standard of service provided by the bus cooperatives in Greater Tel Aviv is declining from year to year, mainly as the result of the increasing congestion and driving speeds down to 12 or even eight kilometres per hour in the city. The point has now been reached at which the more buses Egged and Dan

throw into the maelstrom — the slower their average speed becomes.

Egged and Dan, therefore, have everything to gain from the proposed subway system, into which their services will be integrated. The buses will take the passenger from his home or office to the subway station and back again while the trains transport him swiftly and silently beneath the roads.

It is also expected that with the development of faster and more efficient public transport more people will travel to work by train or bus. At least part of Tel Aviv's main central thoroughfares could become tree-lined pedestrian malls, free of the stench and noise of automobiles. Above all, the citizens of Greater Tel Aviv would no longer suffer the discomfort and tensions which are at present inevitable in travel at peak periods.

New residential areas would be opened up by the subway, with the welcome effect of reducing home prices in the Tel Aviv region. Green belts would be better planned and better preserved from the encroachment of ribbon development which usually accompanies roads.

To bring the subway scheme to realization not only Government initiative is required, but also cooperation on the part of the many local authorities whose patchwork of jurisdictions comprises Greater Tel Aviv. It would be too much to hope for a rationalization of these jurisdictions into one central authority with general powers, but at least in the specific area of transportation they will have to set aside considerations of prestige and work together for their common benefit. A unified sewerage authority exists in Greater Tel Aviv. Now, with work beginning on a subway plan, a unified transportation authority must be set up.

OLD SCANDALS HAUNTING A BESIEGED WHITE HOUSE

By WILLIAM MILLINSHIP

WASHINGTON (Otn). — WITH the domestic economy expanding fast and the last of the American prisoners-of-war and troops on their way home from Vietnam, President Nixon's White House should be humming with satisfaction and confidence — a mood to match the fine spring weather and the early blossoming of the city's famous cherry trees.

Instead, the White House looked besieged with troubles only four months after the President's triumphant re-election victory. It is not simply that the Administration is at loggerheads over the budget with a Congress controlled by the opposition party. That battle was expected, and President Nixon has for months seemed eager to take on his adversaries, apparently confident of public support for his easily-grasped policy of cutting back on federal spending in order to avoid an increase in income tax. He seemed to relish the prospect of ensuring the Democrats into the role of the "big spenders," recklessly dispensing thousands of millions of taxpayers' dollars on minority causes.

The Administration has gone about the demolition of social legislation passed by previous Democratic Governments in a manner designed to goad the Democrats into over-reaction. The President could still succeed in this. However strong the constitutional arguments against a President's right to "impound" funds voted by Congress and to refuse to spend more than he wants, the country as a whole is unlikely to quibble about presidential high-handedness that keeps down taxes. Congress can, of course, vote to override the President's vetoes.

In a corner

But in doing so, it runs the risk of appearing "irresponsible" in the eyes of the general public, without having any real power to force the Administration to spend funds it chooses to impound.

This strategy put the Democrats in a corner, from which they have not yet managed to escape. What has weakened the Administration's position is not this battle of the budget, but the context in which it is being fought.

One factor is that the withdrawal from Indochina has not been a clean break. The

fighting is still going on in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. American giant B-52 jets are flying daily bombing raids over Cambodia, and the Senate here is asking with increasing insistence on what authority President Nixon is still waging war.

Until now, President Nixon has invoked his duty as commander-in-chief to take whatever action he considered necessary to "protect American troops." Now there are no American troops in Indochina to protect, but the B-52s continue to pound Communist positions in Cambodia.

At the same time, the expected rejoicing at the return of American prisoners-of-war has not had the political impact the White House looked for.

The process, genuinely moving when the first men came home after seven and eight years of captivity in some cases, was spread over two months, its impact weakened by repetition and allegations that the patriotic speeches of some POWs were stage-managed.

During the same period, the general economic situation in the country has been marred by soaring food costs and the fear of a new round of the inflation that the United States has suffered for several years. The slide on the stock exchange in New York has reflected this fear.

Spying and sabotage

At the same time, old scandals have come to life to haunt the Administration, and dominate the political life of Washington. It is probably true that this city has a special fascination in the daily revelations about who could have been behind the "bugging" of the Democratic Party headquarters at the Watergate last summer; about the scale of political spying and sabotage during the 1972 presidential campaign; about the sources of Republican secret hoards of \$100 bills that financed "intelligence" operations; about the attempts by the giant International Telephone and Telegraph conglomerate to influence politics at home and in Chile.

There is no sign yet that the vast majority of Americans who live outside the District of Columbia are much more interested in these issues now than they were last November, when they gave President Nixon a landslide election victory. It is undoubtedly true that, at present, the country is far more concerned about the



A roaring welcome for the P.O.W. back in his home town — but the rejoicing not dispelled the troubles facing the Administration.

price of steak and groceries than it is about the Watergate and I.T.T. scandals.

But some Republican Congressmen are clearly afraid that at some point the public consciousness might suddenly focus on the scandals and cause both the party and the Administration serious damage.

The revival of the Watergate affair seems already to have claimed one victim in the shape of the unfortunate L. Patrick Gray III, the President's choice to be permanent head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He has seriously embarrassed the White House by his frankness under questioning by the Senate Judiciary Committee, without convincing the Senators that he was qualified for the enormously powerful position as boss of the FBI. He now appears to have little hope of winning Senate confirmation, and there is no indication that the White House will make much effort to rescue him.

Probably lied

Gray scarcely helped the Administration when he testified that in the early stages of the Watergate investigation, Mr. John Dean, the White House legal counsel, had "probably" lied to FBI agents. Gray had nevertheless handed "raw" FBI files to Dean, who carried out his own investigation into the possible involvement of White House aides in the Watergate affair. It was on the basis of Dean's report that President Nixon last summer announced that no one "presently employed" in the White House was implicated.

The Gray testimony was followed by even more sensational disclosures from Mr. John McCord, formerly security expert of the

Nixon Re-election Committee, and the men caught red-handed in the Watergate scandal. The Democratic Party last convicted with six other defendants: McCord alleged in a letter judge that political pressure had put on the defendants to "plead guilty remain silent," that perjury had been committed during the trial, and that "besides the seven accused had been in the bugging operation."

McCord promises to be a star with the televised investigation into political spying and sabotage by a Senate select committee chaired by the redoubtable Ervin of North Carolina.

The danger to the Administration the select committee hearings will dismantle the elaborate structure of erected between the White House and Watergate affair. Republican Senators including conservative John Tower of Texas are now urging the President to act to clear up the Watergate mystery.

The President has so far responded to allegations and suspicions by exp confidence in his staff and by in "executive privilege" to prevent his from facing Congressional committee. He has involved his own authority: promising without having to rest in plication that a Mr. X somewhere high Administration master-minded last political espionage. Stewart Alsop, a "week" columnist normally sympathetic the Administration, even remarked: "people are going to end up with suspicion, however unfounded, that is Mr. Nixon."

Dry Bones



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Compensation for price hikes

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) writes: "The recent increases have led, in fact, to uncontrolled increases in the prices of a range of commodities not included in the published list. Under the circumstances, the workers clearly must receive appropriate compensation, and there is no justification to wait even three months for such compensation. Moreover, if prices continue unrestrained, it is doubtful whether the demand for a further cost-of-living allowance will subside, and it may be necessary to review the wage agreements."

Hamodia (Agudat Yisrael), likening the economy to a car hurtling downhill with the driver having lost control of the steering wheel, writes: "Price increases result in acceleration of inflation. Did the captains of the economy go into the matter with open eyes, or were they simply short-sighted? It is incumbent upon the government to check the price increases. Moreover, it

would be unfair not to pay a further cost-of-living allowance."

Davar (Histadrut), commenting on the call addressed by one of the Knesset factions to Prof. Katchalski not to stand for the Presidency, writes: "The faction's claim, that the majority wants another person for President, is pretentious. It is difficult to credit that this faction really knows the wishes of the people." The paper then goes on to say: "All the recent attempts by demonstrations and coercion — to deny the Knesset a sovereign decision on whom to elect, are clearly undemocratic."

WITH PREJUDICE

The article entitled "Brando's Indian maid" on this page yesterday was Alex Bertone's weekly column "With Prejudice."

ROAD MALAISE

Egged's 'defensive driving'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, Many times in your columns, the Egged spokesman, Mr. Shifman, has had to answer complaints, suggestions etc. While wishing to praise his company for the reliability and frequency of its service, I feel duty bound to question a statement he made in a reply in The Post recently, explaining that his drivers are trained in "the system of defensive driving in use all over the world."

With a handful of worthy exceptions, I have seen so much to the contrary from every vantage point — that of driver, passenger, and pedestrian. In my humble opinion most of his drivers do not keep an adequate distance from the vehicle in front, the most basic rule of the system. One should keep a distance of one vehicle length for

every 17 k.p.h. This distance should be increased on an upward slope — again this is not done.

While admitting this is a general malaise on our roads, this does not reduce the gravity of the bus drivers' action, and possibly increases it as the punch a bus packs in a collision is rather more than that of the average vehicle.

As someone who has learned the real system, I must protest against Mr. Shifman's libel of the genuine article, and more urgently, condemn the rank irresponsibility of drivers who are prepared to risk the lives of all and sundry (including their own) while flouting the rules of the system their spokesman claims they are taught.

Netanya, March 14. A. BOWMAN

TEHERAN CHILDREN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I read with consternation the letter from "A Surprised Teheraner" in your issue of March 9. I agree with the Teheraner (with whom I should like to become acquainted) that something should be done to mark the 30th anniversary of the arrival of the Teheran Children and as 1973 has some time to run, it could still be organized. Even without official celebrations, it is to be hoped that the story of the Teheran Children will be made known to youngsters both here and abroad. For my own part, I referred to this story in my own book: "His-toire Juive," and never miss an opportunity of speaking about it to the students and new immigrants to whom I lecture. Perhaps this will give some comfort to your "Surprised Teheraner."

DR. E. NEHER BEERHEIM
Jerusalem, March 15.

UNSAFE BEACH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Last Saturday I was walking on the beach at Herzliya, and was shocked by the large numbers of vehicles driving along the edge of the water. They were obviously not trying to get anywhere, just driving for the sake of driving. The beach of Herzliya is no longer a pleasant quiet place to lie in the sun or walk. Every few minutes one has to step aside to let a car, motorcycle, bicycle, or bulldozer go by.

DOROTHY HOEWITZ,
Aged 14 (almost)
Magdief, March 10.

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RESTAURATEURS REPLY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, I beg to make the following comments on the reply of the Ministry of Tourism to the letter from Mr. Erich Kohn (your issue of March 7).

1) To say that hotels do not receive loans of up to 60 per cent is misleading, since they do get loans of 40-55 per cent of their investments, according to locality and certain other criteria. We must admit that restaurants are also eligible for the same loans under the same conditions.

2) We agree that recently there has been a tendency to accept tourists for bed-and-breakfast only, following a growing demand for this. As a result an increasing number of visitors use the services of restaurants.

3) The Ministry of Tourism has

now realized the importance of the factor for the tourist industry at the last convention of the Caterers' Association, the of Tourism promised that it consider their requests and their support.

4) With regard to the spot remarks concerning hygiene in restaurants, we reject his remarks and state that pre-kitchens are inspected both Health Departments of the municipalities and by the Health. The committees which audit tourist emblems and conditions very thoroughly and is completely satisfactory.

MARCEL EISENBERG
A/General
Israel Catering As
Jerusalem, March 11.

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